

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Oneida County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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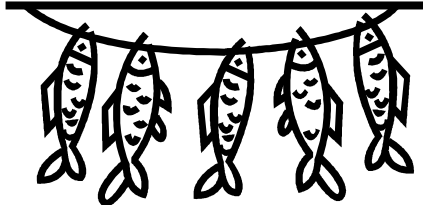
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Oneida County, **63,766** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

71,756 extended growth walleye were stocked in 16 different lakes in Oneida County under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Bearskin State Trail** had close to **92,433 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$7,208,850**.

Oneida County has over **110,009 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR has recently invested **\$1,337,508 in capital development funds** to improve recreational facilities such as the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, the Bearskin Trail, and the Willow Flowage Scenic Waters Area.

Community Partnerships

DNR granted a total of **\$52,736** to the **Oneida County Sheriff Department, Minocqua/Woodruff Boat Patrol and Town of Three Lakes** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **426 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Oneida County.

For calendar year 2014, the DNR entered into a **\$36,920** contract with the **Oneida County Health Department** to conduct inspections and sampling at **284 small public water systems**.

The Town of Lake Tomahawk was successful in their bid for a DNR-administered Sport Fish Restoration grant to construct a **public fishing pier at the Lake Tomahawk ramp**.

Snapshot of grants in Oneida County

A total of **\$2,568,997** was awarded in Oneida County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: trail maintenance, aquatic invasive species outreach and the replacement of a trout stream culvert.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

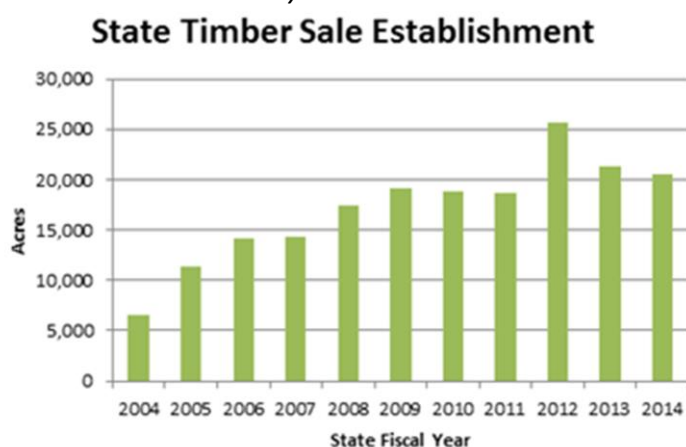
Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 employers** in Oneida County. It produces **\$420 million** in economic output, providing **\$103 million** in added value to the county.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **206,586 acres** of private land in Oneida County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **153,235 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

Since 2005, **over 215,099 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Oneida County. The harvests provided more than **\$8.4 million in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 187 contaminated properties** resulting in **39 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 17 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

DNR provided **\$296,776 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Oneida County

In 2014, Oneida County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with 13 landowners who have 2,700 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 4,056 deer were registered in Oneida County with 1,485 harvested during archery deer season and 2,571 harvested during the gun deer season.